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SUBJ: EC FISHERY COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 26, 1977: RESULTS

REFS: (A) BRUSSELS 12411; (B) BRUSSELS 8466

1. SUMMARY: THE SEPTEMBER 26 FISHERY COUNCIL DECIDED
NOT TO EXTEND BEYOND OCTOBER 1 MEASURES GOVERNING
SOVIET FISHING IN EC WATERS, IN VIEW OF SOVIET MOVES
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AGAINST E FISHING IN THE BARENTS SEA OVER THE WEEKEND
(REPORTED SEPT-EL). THE COUNCIL APPROVED REGULATIONS
GOVERNING FISHING BY POLAND, THE GDR, SWEDEN, AND
NORWAY AND RECONFIRMED THE PRINCIPLE OF EVENTUAL
QUOTAS FOR FINLAND AND PORTUGAL. HOWEVER, THE MINISTERS
DID NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSS REGULATIONS CONCERNING
FRENCH GUIANA (PARA 2 - REF A) OR SPAIN, BOTH OF

WHICH ARE UNDER CONTINUED REVIEW BY COREPER. MINISTERS FORMALLY AUTHORIZED LICENSE ISSUANCE BY THE EC COMMISSION AS OF OCTOBER 1. IN THE INTERNAL FISHERY SECTOR, THE COUNCIL EXTENDED THROUGH OCTOBER 31 THE EXISTING BAN ON NORTH SEA HERRING FISHING; APPROVED A BAN ON HERRING FISHING FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES; AND AGREED ON THE DISTRIBUTION AMONG EC MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY QUOTA ALLOCATED BY NORWAY. END SUMMARY.

2. EXTERNAL FISHERY ISSUES:

IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION OF SOVIET FISHING (SEE SEPTTEL), THE COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS REGARDING FISHING BY THIRD COUNTRIES IN EC WATERS:

(A) GDR AND POLAND: THE COUNCIL ADOPTED REGULATIONS EXTENDING UNTIL NOVEMBER 30 FISHING ARRANGEMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE GDR AND POLAND.

(B) FINLAND AND PORTUGAL: IN ORDER TO CONFIRM EVENTUAL QUOTA RIGHTS FOR FINLAND (HERRING IN ICES ZONE IV) AND PORTUGAL (COD IN ICNAF ZONE I) UPON CONCLUSION OF FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS, THE COUNCIL APPROVED A REGULATION ESTABLISHING TOKEN ENTRY ZERO QUOTAS FOR THOSE COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1977.
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(C) NORWAY: AFTER DECIDING UPON THE DISTRIBUTION AMONG EC MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY QUOTA ALLOCATED BY NORWAY (SEE DISCUSSION OF INTERNAL FISHERY ISSUES BELOW), THE COUNCIL APPROVED A REGULATION FIXING CATCH QUOTAS FOR HERRING FROM WEST SCOTLAND STOCKS FOR NORWEGIAN FLAG VESSELS DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1977.

(D) SWEDEN: PENDING CONCLUSION OF CONSULTATIONS BEING HELD UNDER THE EC/SWEDISH FRAMEWORK FISHING AGREEMENT, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED A REGULATION ESTABLISHING INTERIM QUOTAS FOR SWEDEN FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1977.

(E) LICENSING: THE COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE DECISION TAKEN IN PRINCIPLE BY LAST WEEK'S FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL (REF A) THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING COMMUNITY FISHING LICENSES AS OF OCTOBER 1. EACH OF THE THIRD COUNTRY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL (AS DISCUSSED ABOVE) CONTAINS A CLAUSE SPECIFYING THE COMMISSION AS LICENSING AUTHORITY.

HOWEVER, THE NEW REGULATIONS DO NOT INCLUDE ANY
ADDITIONAL CLAUSES DERIVING FROM THE COMMISSION'S
ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY LICENSING SYSTEM
(PARA 4, REF A).

3. INTERNAL FISHERY ISSUES:

THE COUNCIL ALSO TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS IN THE
INTERNAL FISHERY SECTOR:

(A) NORTH SEA HERRING FISHING BAN:

THE COUNCIL ADOPTED A REGULATION EXTENDING THE BAN ON

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THE COUNCIL ADOPTED A REGULATION EXTENDING THE BAN ON
FISHING NORTH SEA HERRING UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 1977 (REF B).
THE EXISTING BAN HAD BEEN DUE TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 30.
UK SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND BRUCE MILLAN TOLD
REPORTERS SOME FEELING WAS EXPRESSED IN THE COUNCIL
THAT SUCH SHORT-TERM MEASURES WERE UNSATISFACTORY.
HOWEVER, MEMBER STATES EVENTUALLY WENT ALONG WITH
COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH'S ARGUMENT THAT THE BAN SHOULD BE
EXTENDED FOR ONE MONTH ONLY AND SHOULD LATER BE RE-
EXAMINED IN THE LIGHT OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE INTERNAL
FISHING REGIME TO BE HELD BY THE OCTOBER 24-25 FISHERY
COUNCIL. MILLAN ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE RECOMMENDED
TO THE COUNCIL THAT THE EC SEEK TALKS WITH NORWAY AND
SWEDEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE REGARDING HERRING FISHING
IN THE SKAGGERAK.

(B) HERRING FISHING FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES:

THE COUNCIL ADOPTED AS AN A-POINT (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)
A REGULATION TO PROHIBIT THE DIRECT FISHING OF HERRING
FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES IN EC WATERS AND THE LANDING
IN THE EC OF SUCH CATCHES, NO MATTER WHAT THE ORIGIN.
THE REGULATION HAD BEEN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE
JULY 18-19 AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL (REF B).

(C) NORWEGIAN QUOTAS:

THE COUNCIL ADOPTED AS AN A-POINT A REGULATION SPECIFYING
THE FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION AMONG MEMBER STATES OF CATCH
QUOTAS ALLOCATED BY NORWAY TO THE EC IN WATERS ABOVE
62 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1
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SPECIES: EC QUOTA: MEMBER STATE ALLOCATIONS:

COD 18,500 TONS FRANCE-3,200 TONS
FRG-2,300 TONS
UK-13,000 TONS

HADDOCK 13.3 PERCENT
AS BY-CATCH
IF COD

SAITHE 5,000 TONS FRANCE-400 TONS
FRG-3,500 TONS
UK-1,100 TONS

GREENLAND 1,300 TONS UK-1,300 TONS
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